THE

Great Victory

Obtain'd by His

MAJESTIES ARMY,

Under the Command of his Grace

THE

Duke of Monmouth,

Againſt the

REBELS

IN THE

Weſt of Scotland,

On *Sunday* and *Munday*, being the 21 & 22 inſtant.

SIR,

I Could not omit giving you an Account of what happened lately between the Kings Army and the Rebels, knowing you to be a perſon of great and exemplary Piety and untainted Loyalty, to whom ſuch News will be altogether grateful.

Upon *Sunday* laſt, being the 22th of this inſtant, his Grace the Duke of *Monmouth* marched with the Army under his command, from *Blackwood* towards the Rebels; and being upon his March, he received a Meſſage by a Trumpet to this effect, *viz.*

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That if his Grace was pleaſed to confirm and agree to thoſe Terms they had already made in their laſt Declaration, they would lay down their Arms; but upon no other Account.

His Grace contemning to agree to their Terms, or to indulge Rebellion at ſuch a rate, contrary to the eſtabliſhed Laws of that Kingdom, drew up his Forces towards them; the Rebels had ſecured *Bottle-bridge*, having ſtrongly barrocaded it, having a very conſiderable party of Horſe there, and had planted their Army on the other ſide the River; but notwithſtanding that, his Grace made an Attack upon them with a like party of Horſe, which behaved themſelves with that Gallantry and Courage, as ſoon cauſed the Rebels to quit their Poſts with very conſiderable loſs.

His Grace having thus ſucceſsfully gained the Bridge, preſently marched them over and drew up his main Body; and after having put them in Battalia, and giving neceſſary Orders to his Officers, his Grace engaged their main Body; and after a ſharp Diſpute, gave them a final Rout, deſtroying moſt of their Horſe, and ſo much diſordering their Foot, that few of them eſcaped, ſave a ſmall number which fled into the Woods about *Hambleton.*

Sir, It is incredible to expreſs in what great numbers the Gentry came in to joyn the Kings Forces, and are daily comeing in, to the great ſatisfaction of all Loyal and Faithful Subjects, and to the great hopes of ſpeedily putting an end to theſe Rebellious Inſurrections. Many thouſands are upon their March from the North of *Scotland*, cheerfully to joyn His Majeſties Forces, (which is believed) will be ſtopt upon the account of this happy Victory; and had not the Engagement begun ſo ſoon, till ſuch time as theſe Aſſiſtants had joyned the Army, without all doubt, the Rebels would never been able to have made the leaſt eſcape.

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His Majeſties Privy Council here, have been indefatigably careful and induſtrious in ſupplying the Kings Army with all things neceſſary and convenient, acting as with one Head and Heart, or rather ſtriving to out do each other in their Fidelity and Loyalty.

And whereas the Rebels made uſe of theſe words, in the latter part of their Declaration, *(viz.) That they requeſted their Countrymen, now the ſtanding Forces of this Kingdom, ſome of them being their Friends and Relations, not to fight againſt them, leaſt in ſo doing, they ſhould be found fighting againſt the Lord, whoſe cauſe and quarrel they are ſure he would own, and ſignally countenance, ſeeing they fought under his Banner who is the Lord of Hoſts.*

Thoſe whom they thus called their Friends and Kinſmen, were ſo ready and vigorous in fighting againſt them, and the happy Victory which they obtained over them, ſeems rather to repreſent to every Loyal Subject, and impartial mind, that it is not the Lords cauſe or quarrel, which thus they pretend to maintain, but rather a fighting againſt God, in rebelling againſt their lawful and undoubted Soveraign and His Government, and bringing upon themſelves a Curſe inſtead of a Bleſſing. The Apoſtle declaring, *That he which reſiſts ſhall receive damnation.* Sir, this Account I have thought good to give you, and by the next expect the particulars; not doubting but you will accept of it as from him, who is

Edenburgh, 22
June, 1679.

SIR,
Your moſt humble Servant, &c.